Notification by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GEOLOGICAL.

No. 800, *dated 29th October* 1910.

In supersession of all previous notifications on the subject, the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore are pleased to prescribe the following rules for the grant of Exploring and Prospecting Licenses and Mining Leases in the Mysore State. The rules shall come into force with effect from the date of publication of this Notification in the *Mysore Gazette*.

Rules for the grant of Exploring and Prospecting Licenses and Mining Leases in the State of Mysore.

1. In these Rules.—

"*The Government*" means the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

"*Person*" includes any Persons, Syndicate, Partnership or Company.

2. Exploring, Prospecting or Mining for minerals shall not be carried on within the State of Mysore except under licenses or leases granted under these rules or with the special sanction of the Government.

I. EXPLORING LICENSES.

3. Persons desirous of exploring for minerals within the State of Mysore may obtain an Exploring License on application to the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department by whom any license granted shall be signed on behalf of the Government.

4. Each application shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 10.

5. The application shall state the District in which it is desired to explore and each license granted shall ordinarily be valid for one District only. Government may refuse to grant a license to any person, in which event the fee shall be returned, or may, at their discretion, limit the area to which the license shall apply or specifically exclude any mineral from the license.

6. Such license shall not authorise the licensee to mine or quarry, but he may turn up the surface of the land, dig trenches and sink pits to such depth and subject to such conditions as the Deputy Commissioner may permit.

7. No private or occupied lands and no lands over which exclusive mineral rights have been granted to others may be entered upon or explored without the consent of the owner, occupier or possessor thereof.

8. Every license shall be in Form No. 1 hereto appended and shall be valid for one year. Such license shall confer no exclusive or preferential rights, but in considering rival claims for a prospecting license or mining lease, due regard will be had to operations conducted under cover of an Exploring License.

9. Under exceptional circumstances, the Government of Mysore may confer on a licensee special protection in regard to any specified mineral or minerals during the whole or any portion of the term of his license. Such special protection shall be designed to secure to a *bona fide* worker a fair and reasonable area over which he shall be entitled to obtain a prospecting license or a mining lease as provided for hereunder and shall be conferred only in cases in which, in the opinion of Government, it would be unreasonable or undesirable to insist on the area for a prospecting license or a mining lease being selected at once.

10. The licensee shall be at liberty, subject to such restrictions as the Government may from time to time impose, to remove specimens or samples of minerals in reasonable quantities for purpose of testing, but not for sale.

II. PROSPECTING LICENSES.

11. Applications for licenses to prospect for minerals within the territories of Mysore shall be made to the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department in Form No. II hereto appended.

12. Each application shall be in respect of a specified block of land not exceeding ten square miles in area, which shall be, as far as possible, in the shape of a rectangle of which the length must not under ordinary circumstances exceed twice the breadth.

13. The Government reserve to themselves the power of refusing to grant a prospecting license in respect of any block without assigning a reason or to impose such special terms as they may in their absolute discretion think desirable.

14. Every prospecting license granted under these rules will be in Form No. III appended hereto and will be valid for one year, but the Government may at their discretion renew any license from year to year on payment, in advance, of an annual rent which may be determined upon separately for each period of renewal.

15. Every application must be accompanied by—

(*a*) A sheet, extract or correct tracing of the Topographical Survey Map of Mysore (Scale 1 inch to a mile) upon which the boundaries of the block for which a license is required have been clearly marked.

(*b*) A schedule giving the names of the villages included (either wholly or partly) in the prospecting block together with the Taluk and District in which they are situated and stating the area of the block in square miles.

(*c*) A schedule stating the mineral or minerals in respect of which the license is applied for.

(*d*) A fee of Rs. 10 per square mile or a portion of a square mile of the area applied for.

16. On receipt of any application, Government will, if they decide to grant a license, inform the applicant of the amount of the rent and the deposit due thereon and of any special terms which they may consider desirable to impose. Within such time as may be fixed by Government in each case the applicant shall pay the amount of the rent and deposit specified and such payment shall be held to involve the acceptance of any special terms of which the applicant has been informed.

17. The rent payable in respect of a license shall be not less than one anna and not more than one rupee per acre of the area granted.

18. The deposit payable in respect of a license shall be at the rate of Rs. 100 per square mile or portion thereof of the area granted. This deposit shall be held as security for the due fulfilment of the provisions of these rules and of the terms of the license and, subject to any deductions in this respect, shall be returnable to the licensee after the termination of the license.

19. The block of land over which the prospecting license is granted need not be surveyed and demarcated; but, in the event of any doubt or dispute arising as to the boundaries of the block or whenever in the opinion of Government a survey is necessary or desirable the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department shall order the survey and demarcation of the block to be made either with or without an application for the same from the licensee, and the licensee shall pay the expenses of the survey and demarcation. The boundaries of the block of land for which a prospecting license has been granted shall be marked on the map attached to the license and the decision of Government in regard to the boundaries and demarcation of the block shall be final.

20. Until the license is signed by the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department, the applicant shall not be entitled to exercise any of the privileges of a licensee.

21. If the applicant neglects to comply with the preceding rules or fails to pay the rent and deposit within the time prescribed under Rule 16 or declines to accept a license which has been offered to him under Rule 16, his application shall be cancelled and the fee paid therewith forfeited to Government except as provided under Rule 23.

22. If the applicant withdraws his application before the orders of Government thereon are communicated to him, the fee paid therewith under Rule 15 shall be forfeited to Government.

23. If the license is refused under Rule 13 or if the applicant within such time as may be fixed by Government under Rule 16 declines to accept any special terms of which he has been informed, his application shall be cancelled and the fee received therewith shall be returned to him.

24. The licensee will be entitled to select for mining purposes, any time during the currency of his license, a block of land, not exceeding one square mile in area and not more than one mile in length, within the area specified in his license, and to obtain a mining lease of the block so selected in respect of any mineral or minerals (with the exception of precious stones and alluvial minerals) specified in his license in accordance with and subject to the provisions of the rules contained herein. Provided that a licensee shall not be entitled to obtain mining leases over a total area of more than ten square miles. In the case of

precious stones and alluvial minerals, the holder of a prospecting license will be entitled to a mining lease upon the special terms (if any) provided in his license; and in the event of there being no such special provisions, to the first refusal of such mining lease as the Government may decide to grant.

As soon as a mining lease has been granted under this rule the prospecting license shall immediately cease and determine.

25. If the licensee discovers any mineral of value within the area specified in his license, he shall immediately report the discovery to the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department. Failure to comply with this provision will render the license liable to be cancelled and the deposit forfeited. If the mineral so reported is not one of those in respect of which the license has been granted, the licensee may apply to Government to have the said mineral added to those already specified in his license and it shall be within the discretion of Government to accede to or refuse the request or to impose such special terms as they may think fit. As a rule and under ordinary circumstances such requests will be complied with provided that the rights sought to be secured in respect of the mineral applied for are freely at the disposal of Government.

26. A prospecting license shall not be assigned nor any right or interest thereunder transferred without the consent in writing of the Government. The application for such consent must be made by the licensee himself or by his legal representative and the license itself must be forwarded with the application together with a draft or document setting forth fully and clearly the terms of the proposed assignment or transfer. If Government decide to consent to the transfer, they shall inform the licensee to that effect and the licensee shall, within such period as may be specified by Government, have the document duly stamped and registered and shall forward a certified copy of the same to the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department, who shall thereupon endorse upon the license the consent of Government to the transfer and return the license to the licensee. Until the license has been so endorsed no assignment or transfer of rights shall be valid.

Failure to comply with the provisions of this rule will render the license liable to be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

27. If the licensee desires the renewal of a prospecting license, he shall apply for a renewal and shall forward the license together with the amount of the rent payable for one year to the Secretary to the Government in the Geological Department, not less than seven days before the date on which the license terminates.

28. Within three months after the date on which a license has expired the licensee shall forward the license to the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department and shall, at the same time, apply for the refund of the deposit, failing which the deposit will be liable to be forfeited.

III. MINING LEASES.

29. Applications for mining leases within the territories of Mysore shall be made to the Secretary to the Government in the Geological Department in Form No. IV appended hereto.

30. Every application shall be in respect of a specified block of land not exceeding one square mile in area. The block shall be in the shape of a rectangle of which the length must not under ordinary circumstances exceed four times the breadth. The boundaries of the mining block shall be considered to run vertically downward towards the centre of the earth.

In the case of precious stones or alluvial deposits the area to be granted under a mining lease will be determined in each case by the Government.

31. Every mining lease granted under these rules will be for a period not exceeding thirty years and will be in Form No. V appended hereto.

32. Every application must be accompanied by :—

(*a*) A fee of Rs. 100.

(*b*) A sheet, extract or correct tracing of the Topographical Survey map of Mysore (scale 1 inch to a mile) upon which the boundaries of the block applied for have been clearly marked.

(*c*) A schedule giving the names of the villages to which the lands comprised within the block belong, with the Taluk and District in which each is situated.

(*d*) A schedule specifying the mineral or minerals in respect of which the mining lease is applied for.

33. On receipt of any application Government will, if they decide to grant a lease, inform the applicant of their decision and of the special terms, if any, which they may consider desirable to impose and the applicant shall, within one month of receiving this information, deposit with the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department a sum of Rs. 1,000 as security for the due fulfilment of the provisions of these Rules and of the terms of the lease. Subject to any deductions in these respects the deposit will be returnable to the lessee after the termination of the lease.

If Government decline to grant a lease or if the applicant declines to accept any special terms which may be imposed, the fee of Rs. 100 paid with the application will be returned.

34. The applicant shall point out to an officer deputed for the purpose by the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department, the boundaries of the block of land applied for within a fornight of the date on which he may receive an intimation to that effect or within such longer period as may be fixed by Government and the officer so deputed shall thereupon survey the block and erect or cause to be erected such boundary marks as may be requisite.

35. If from any cause the completion of the survey and demarcation of a mining block is likely to be unduly delayed, the Government may grant the lease in respect of a block of land shown on an extract from the Topographical Survey Map of Mysore which shall be attached to the lease. On subsequent survey and demarcation, the boundaries of the block of land to which the lease refers shall be determined by Government and their decision shall be final and shall be accepted by the lessee who shall, on demand, pay the cost of the survey and demarcation.

36. After the completion of survey and all necessary enquiries, a form of the lease to be executed and a bill for the survey and demarcation expenses will be sent to the applicant, who shall, within a month of receiving such communication, tender for execution by the Dewan of Mysore the lease executed by himself and duly stamped, paying at the same time the cost of the survey and demarcation.

37. The applicant's title to the land applied for will not be complete until the lease is actually executed by the Dewan.

38. The lease shall, after execution, be registered by both parties under the law for the time being in force for the registration of assurances, and shall within one month of the date of registration, be forwarded by the lessee for information and record to the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department who will return it to the lessee after noting its contents.

39. If the lessee discovers any mineral of value within the area specified in his lease, he shall immediately report the discovery to the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department. If the mineral so reported is not one of those in respect of which the lease has been granted, the lessee may apply to Government to have the said mineral added to those already specified in his lease and it shall be within the discretion of Government to accede to or refuse the request or to impose such special terms as they may think fit. As a rule and under ordinary circumstances such requests will be complied with provided that the rights sought to be secured in respect of the mineral applied for are freely at the disposal of Government.

Provided that if any mineral of value is known to occur on or within the mining block, Government may give the lessee the option of having such mineral added to those specified in the schedule to his lease and in the event of the lessee declining to exercise the option upon the terms offered, Government shall have power to grant a prospecting license or mining lease in respect of such mineral to any other person.

40. The lessee shall not assign his lease or transfer any right or interest thereunder to a person except with the previous consent of the Government in writing.

The lessee shall in applying to Government for permission to transfer or assign the lease report to Government the name and financial position of the assignee and also submit for approval a draft of the proposed deed of assignment. When the Government has communicated its assent to the transfer and to the deed of assignment, the deed of assignment or document of transfer shall be duly stamped and registered in accordance with the laws in force in the State of Mysore at the time and a certified copy thereof deposited with the Mysore Government in the Geological Department within three months of the date of execution thereof.

41. Failure to comply with the preceding rules will render the application or lease liable to be cancelled and the deposit forfeited.

IV. GENERAL.

42. The royalties payable to Government in respect of minerals worked under a prospecting license or mining lease are set forth in the schedule hereto. The rates are liable to alteration from time to time, due notice of which will be published in the official Gazette.

43. The Government will require the strict performance of the provisions and conditions contained in any prospecting license or mining lease providing for the proper prospecting or mining of the land comprised therein.

44. Topo sheets of Mysore marked with areas granted for prospecting and mining are kept at the office of the Mysore Geological Department and may be inspected by the public on payment of a fee of one rupee per sheet.

45. Persons desirous of having their own topo sheets or other maps of Mysore marked with areas granted for prospecting and mining may apply to the Secretary to Government, Geological Department, for the same. A fee of four annas will be charged for each block marked.

46. A licensee desirous of securing a copy of his prospecting license may apply to the Secretary to Government, Geological Department, for the same stating the purpose for which the copy is required. The Government will, if satisfied with the reasons assigned, issue a duplicate copy of the license on payment of a fee of Rs. 10.

47. The rules for the conduct of prospecting and mining operations in forest lands are printed for information in the appendix hereto.

By Order,
W. F. SMEETH,
Secretary to Government, Geological Department.

SCHEDULE.

ROYALTIES.

(Subject to alteration by notification in the Mysore Gazette.)

Royalty on Gold and Silver.

(1) No royalty shall be paid so long as the operations in connection with the mining block do not result in any net profits to the lessee.

(2) For each calendar year in which the operations result in a balance of net profit to the lessee, the rate of royalty shall be 5 per cent of the gross sale value of the gold and silver.

(3) For each calendar year for which the net profits exceed the sum of £ 25,000, the lessee shall pay an additional royalty of 5 per cent of all net profits in excess of £ 25,000.

Provided that in the case of the lessee being a duly registered Company, the words "*Divisible profits*" may at the discretion of the lessors be substituted for "*Net profits*" in this clause.

Royalty on Manganese and Chrome Ore.

(1) The royalty shall be payable quarterly.

(2) On all ore despatched during any quarter the royalty shall be paid within thirty days of the close of the quarter and shall be calculated on the average market rate in London during the quarter according to the following scale:—

(*a*) A royalty of 6 annas per ton when the market rate does not exceed 9 d. per unit.

(*b*) For each increase of ½d. or portion thereof per unit an additional royalty of one anna per ton.

Royalty on Precious Stones.

Thirty per cent on the net profits of each year taken separately.

Royalty on all other minerals not specified above

Five per cent on the sale value at the pit's mouth or on surface of the dressed ore or metal, convertible at the option of the lessors to an equivalent charge per ton to be fixed annually or for a term.

NOTE.—"*Net Profits*" shall be taken to mean the excess of the revenue which is wholly derived from the sale of the mineral or minerals specified over expenditure, after all costs and expenses chargeable to the actual working and management of the mine shall have been included. But neither depreciation, nor amortization, nor Director's fees, nor any revenue or expenditure obtained or incurred on account of share or capital transactions, or by trading, shall be brought into account, provided that the fees of such Director or Directors as may actually direct technical operations and are specifically denoted as Managing Director or Directors may be included in the expenditure.

Divisible profits shall be declared dividends and bonuses or other payments made out of net profits to or on behalf of the shareholders and interest on debentures.

APPENDIX.

Rules for the Conduct of Prospecting and Mining Operations in forest lands.

Notification by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, General and Revenue Departments.

No. R. 10777—*Ft.* 81-08-6, *dated* 21*st June* 1909.

EXPLORING LICENSES.

1. The holder of an exploring license shall obtain from the District Forest Officer permission to enter upon and explore for minerals in any forest lands within the area to which the license applies.

2. Such permission will ordinarily be freely granted, but will not entitle the licensee to cut or injure any forest growth or to dig or turn up the surface of the land to a greater depth than three feet and the licensee must, before leaving the locality, fill up any excavations which he may have made, to the satisfaction of the District Forest Officer.

3. Should the licensee desire to make trenches or sink pits to a depth greater than three feet, he must obtain the sanction of the District Forest Officer in each case and pay compensation at the rate provided hereunder for any forest growth which may be injured or destroyed and shall undertake to fill up all excavations to the satisfaction of the District Forest Officer.

PROSPECTING LICENSES AND MINING LEASES.

4. No prospecting license or mining lease shall ordinarily be granted in forest lands except with the sanction of the Conservator of Forests.

Prospecting and mining operations will generally not be permitted in plantations, coupes which have been worked over and in tracts containing specially valuable growth of sandal, teak or other species of trees.

5. Before commencing any prospecting or mining operation in any forest lands, the licensee or lessee or his duly authorized agent or representative shall give notice to the District Forest Officer of his intention so to do, and shall, at the same time, forward to the District Forest Officer a statement of the area or areas proposed to be operated upon and their dimensions and a sketch map on a suitable scale showing the said area or areas and their relative positions and shall deposit with the District Forest Officer the amount of compensation due on the said area or areas calculated in accordance with Rule 9. Each area to be operated upon, except such as may be required for a railway, tramway, road or foot-path, shall be in the form of a rectangle, of which no side shall be less than 10 yards long, and shall be defined by cairns of stones. Each area shall be distinguished by a letter of the alphabet in the abovementioned statement and map.

A consolidated statement and a complete map shall be maintained up to date and kept on the prospecting or mining block by the person in charge of the operations.

6. In any prospecting or mining block, the total area which may be operated upon or cleared of forest shall not exceed 25 acres except with the permission in writing of the District Forest Officer, and no railway, tramway, road or foot-path shall be made without such permission. Such permission will be granted from time to time in each case for an area not exceeding 25 acres on the application of the licensee or lessee, provided that the additional area is required for the *bona fide* extension of prospecting or mining operations.

The areas operated upon shall include all those the surfaces of which have been opened up by means of pits, trenches or other excavations or covered with earth, stones, debris, machinery, buildings, etc., or upon which the forest growth has been injured or destroyed, or over which any railway, tramway, road or foot-path has been made.

7. In the case of all buildings, machinery or other structures erected upon the block and in the case of every place where fire or lights are used at any time or round any working or dwelling place where the District Forest Officer considers it to be necessary for safety, the forest growth shall be cleared for a distance of 10 feet round the limits of such structure or place to such extent as the District Forest Officer may require.

8. As soon as possible after the receipt of the statement and map referred to in Rule 5, the District Forest Officer shall prepare a bill for the amount of compensation due at the rates specified hereunder and after crediting the amount deposited under Rule 5 shall adjust or require the licensee or lessee to adjust any balance as may be necessary. In default of payment the District Forest Officer may, at his discretion, stop all further operations and take steps to recover the amount due as a revenue demand.

In the event of any area not included in the map and statement required by Rule 5, being found to have been operated upon, the District Forest Officer may, at his discretion, stop all further operations and recover compensation for the same at double the rates provided hereunder.

9. The licensee or lessee shall—

(*a*) pay a lump sum for the value of forest growth and for damage and disfigurement to the surface on all areas operated upon or cleared, at the following rates :—

(1) In State Forests or reserved lands.	High and pole forests, Rs. 100 per acre. Other forests, including scrub, Rs. 50 per acre.
(2) In District Forests which have been specially brought within the scope of these rules.	High and pole forests, Rs. 50 per acre. Other forests, including scrub. Rs. 25 per acre.

(3) For railways and tramways, and for roads on which traction engines are used, at the foregoing rates.

(4) For ordinary cart-tracks and foot-paths, at the rate of Rs. 25 per mile.

(b) undertake not to cut sandalwood except with permission of the Forest Department and on payment of an extra charge to be fixed by the Conservator.

N.B.—The decision of the Conservator of Forests as to whether any particular forest is high, pole or scrub shall be final.

10. The licensee or lessee shall not fell, girdle or lop any tree outside the area or areas shown and described in the map and statement referred to in Rule 5.

11. Nothing in the foregoing rules shall be taken to exempt the licensee or lessee or his employees from liability in respect of any forest offence punishable under the Mysore Forest Regulation, 1900.

FORM No. I.

No.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Geological Department.

EXPLORING LICENSE.

(*Under the Rules published with Notification No.* 800, *dated 29th October* 1910.)

EXPLORING LICENSE granted this day of 19 , by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, to hereinafter called the licensee.

WHEREAS the licensee has applied in accordance with the rules published under Notification (Geological) No. 800, dated 29th October 1910, for a license to explore for minerals in the area described in the Schedule hereto and has paid the prescribed fee of Rs. 10:—

1. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore hereby grant to the Licensee, subject to the restrictions, conditions and provisos hereinafter contained, license and liberty to enter upon the lands within the area aforesaid and to explore and search the surfaee of the same for minerals, stones or rocks for a period of one year from the date hereof and,

subject to the restrictions hereinafter contained or such other restrictions as the Government may from time to time impose, to remove any specimen or samples thereof found by the licensee upon the said lands during the term of the license.

2. This license does not authorize the licensee to enter upon or commence exploring in any State Forest or land under special protection included in the land described in the schedule hereto, without obtaining the sanction in writing of the District Forest Officer, upon such conditions as that officer may, under any general or special order of Government prescribe.

3. This license is subject to any vested interests and to any rights and liberties which have been granted by Government in the said area, or in the minerals, stones or rocks therein contained, prior to the date of the grant of this license.

4. This license shall not authorize the licensee to mine or quarry within the boundaries of the land specified in the schedule, but the licensee shall be at liberty to turn up the surface and to dig trenches and sink pits to such depth and subject to such conditions as the Deputy Commissioner may authorize.

5. In the course of exploring operations, no occupied or private lands shall be entered upon or disfigured except under agreement with the occupant or owner thereof.

6. The licensee shall abstain from all interference with the free use of any tanks, watercourses, sacred groves, burial grounds, village sites for houses, or grazing lands which may now exist in the said area, and in no way obstruct any road, path or by-way of any kind whatsoever in the said area, and will not do anything which may directly or indirectly injure in any way any occupied lands or villages or houses or other private property whether in the said area or adjoining thereto.

7. The licensee shall make and pay reasonable satisfaction and compensation for all injury which may be done by him in exercise of the powers granted by the license and shall indemnify the Government against all claims which may be made by third parties in respect of any such damage or injury.

8. The licensee shall not cut or injure any tree on unoccupied and unreserved land without the permission in writing of the Deputy Commissioner.

9. This license shall not be assigned nor any right or interest hereunder transferred.

10. The licensee may with the permission of the Deputy Commissioner remove any minerals found by him in or upon the said land in the course of his exploring operations under this license in reasonable quantities for the purpose of sampling or testing but not for the purpose of sale without the sanction of Government.

11. The licensee shall, within ten days of the discovery by him, his servants, workmen or agents, of any and all precious stone or stones upon the said lands, report the discovery to the Secretary to Government in the Geological Department and shall produce the stones when called upon to do so and shall pay to Government by way of Royalty fifteen per cent of the value of the stones so found.

12. This license shall not confer upon the licensee any exclusive or preferential rights of any kind and, if there be any breach by the licensee of the terms of this license, Government may forthwith cancel this license and thereupon all rights conferred thereby or enjoyed hereunder shall absolutely cease and determine.

SCHEDULE.

Lands comprised in this license.

By Order,

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Secretary to Government,
Geological Department.

FORM No. II.

APPLICATION FOR A PROSPECTING LICENSE.

Dated the

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Geological Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to request that a prospecting license under the rules contained in Notification (Geological) No. 800, dated 29th October 1910, may be granted to.....
.....over the area containing.....
square miles marked on the enclosed extract from the Topographical Survey map of Mysore.

The area over which prospecting rights are applied for comprises land belonging to the villages, the names of which with the Taluk and District to which each belongs, are set out in schedule A hereto.

The minerals in respect of which prospecting rights are applied for are stated in schedule B hereto.

I enclose (receipt from the..... .....Treasury) (crossed cheque on the Bangalore Branch of the Bank of Madras payable to the order of the Secretary to the Government of Mysore in the Geological Department) for Rs.....being the fee payable in respect of this application at the rate of Rs. 10 per square mile or a portion of a square mile of the area applied for.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,

Name and address of applicant.....
(Write legibly)

SCHEDULE A.

Village.*	Taluk.	District.

* State after the name of village, if whole or part only.

SCHEDULE B.

Minerals to be prospected for.

FORM No. III.

No.

Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

Geological Department.

PROSPECTING LICENSE.

(Under the Rules published with Notification No. 800, dated 29th October 1910.)

PROSPECTING LICENSE granted this day of
19 , by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore

to
hereinafter called the licensee, which expression shall be taken to mean the said..... his successors and assigns except where the context requires another or different meaning.

WHEREAS the licensee has applied in accordance with the rules published under Notification (Geol.) No. 800, dated 29th October 1910, for a license to prospect for minerals in the area described in schedule A hereto, delineated in the plan hereto annexed and containing square miles or thereabouts, and has paid the sum of Rs. being the deposit required in respect of the license together with the sum of Rs. being the rent for one year in respect of the said area :—

1. The Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore hereby grant to the licensee for a period of one year from the date hereof, license and liberty to prospect for such minerals as are generally or particularly described in schedule B and to work, win, and carry away, as and for his own use any or all of the minerals aforesaid, subject to the payment of the royalties specified in schedule C hereto.

2. This license and any lease granted hereunder is subject to any vested interests and to any rights and liberties which have been granted by Government in the said area, or in the gold, minerals, stones or rocks therein contained, prior to the date of the grant hereof.

3. The licensee shall forthwith thoroughly and vigorously prospect and examine the said area, and make, dig and carry out all necessary trenches, pits and other works as are necessary or proper for the efficient prospecting thereof.

4. All operations under this license shall be conducted under such supervision and in accordance with such regulations as the Government may, from time to time, prescribe.

5. The licensee shall, within six months next after the determination of the license or the date of the abandonment of the undertaking, whichever shall first occur, securely plug any bores and fill up or fence any holes or excavations that he may have made in the land, to such extent as the Deputy Commissioner may require, and shall to the like extent restore the surface of the land and all buildings thereon which he may have damaged in the course of prospecting ; provided that this clause shall not apply to any land held under a mining lease.

6. The licensee shall keep proper accounts and plans and furnish to the Government full and correct information as to all minerals, stones and rocks found or mined and raised in the course of operations under this license and as to the treatment, preparation and disposal of the same.

7. The licensee shall afford any other information in connection with the said area and the works carried on there, and furnish any samples which the Government may ask for. The licensee shall give every facility to the Government in inspecting the work carried on in the said area and in taking samples of minerals, stones, and rocks found, mined, raised or being in or on the same area and any products obtained or prepared therefrom. The Government will pay a fair price for any samples of intrinsic value.

8. In the course of prospecting operations no occupied or private lands shall be entered upon or disfigured except under agreement in writing with the occupant or owner thereof.

9. The licensee shall not enter upon or commence prospecting in any State Forest or land under special protection comprised in the said area, except in accordance with the rules for the conduct of prospecting and mining operations published under Government Notification No. R. 10777—Ft. 81-08-6, dated 21st June 1909.

10. The licensee shall abstain from all interference with the free use of any tanks, water courses, sacred groves, burial grounds, village sites for houses or grazing lands, which may now exist in the said area, and in no way obstruct any road, path or by-way of any kind whatsoever in the said area, and will not do anything which may directly or indirectly injure in any way any occupied lands or villages, houses or other private property whether in the said area or adjoining thereto.

11. The licensee shall make and pay reasonable satisfaction and compensation for all injury which may be done by him in exercise of the powers granted by the license and shall indemnify the Government against all claims which may be made by third parties in respect of any such damage or injury.

12. The licensee shall not without the permission in writing of the Deputy Commissioner cut or injure any trees or timber on unoccupied and unreserved lands other than brushwood or undergrowth which may require to be cleared away as interfering with the due exercise of the rights, licenses and liberties hereby granted.

13. This license shall not be assigned, nor any right or interest hereunder transferred without the consent in writing of the Government.

14. If prospecting work is not commenced within six calendar months from the date hereof and carried on to the reasonable satisfaction of Government, or if there shall be any

other breach by the licensee of any provision in this license contained, the license may be summarily revoked by Government and thereupon all rights conferred hereby or enjoyed hereunder shall cease.

15. The licensee shall be at liberty at any time during the term of this license to select for mining purposes a block of land not exceeding one square mile in area and not more than one mile from end to end in any direction within the area to which this license applies and shall be entitled to the grant of a mining lease in respect of the block so selected in accordance with the Rules for the grant of mining leases published under Notification No. 800, dated 29th October 1910. Provided that the total area held by a licensee under mining eases shall not exceed ten square miles. When such mining lease has been granted to the icensee, this license shall immediately cease and determine.

SCHEDULE A.

Lands comprised in this license

District	Taluk	Village
		Parts of :—

The block is outlined on the plan annexed hereto.

SCHEDULE B.

Minerals to be prospected for :—

SCHEDULE C.

Rate of royalty.	Time of payment.

By Order,

Secretary to Government,
Geological Department.

FORM, No. IV.

APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

Dated the of 19 .

To

The Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Geological Department.

Sir,

I have the honor to apply for the grant of a mining lease to..... .....under the rules contained in Notification (Geol.) No. 800, dated 29th October 1910, over the block of land containing.....acres marked on the enclosed extract from the Topographical Survey map of Mysore.

The block applied for comprises lands belonging to the villages, the names of which, with the Taluk and District to which each belongs, are set out in Schedule A hereto.

I enclose (receipt from the.....Treasury) (crossed cheque on the Bangalore Branch of the Bank of Madras, payable to the order of the Secretary to the Government of Mysore in the Geological Department) for Rs. 100, the fee required in respect of this application.